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A Russian amateur gives the following test by which tea can be proved genuine or not. Put a pinch of tea in a glass, pour on it a little cold water, and shake it well. Whilst pure tea will only slightly colour the water, a strong infusion is quickly obtained from the painted leaf. Now boil the infusion, and let it stand till cool. The false tea will become stronger after long standing, and will remain transparent, whereas the pure tea will become muddy or milky.

Young ladies may find a lesson in the experience of a girl in Stockton, who sued her lover for breach of promise of marriage. She produced many love letters, extending over a period of several years, and in one touching promise of undying love. Then he brought a letter written by her to him about two years before, when she was in a temper, in which she said she would rather marry an alligator than him. This was not an immediate verdict for the defendant.

It will be remembered that not a little discredit was cast on the account given by Dr. Maynard of his ascent of Kilimanjaro, the "Crown of Africa," and of the mighty wall of ice which stopped his progress on the summit. In the current *Peterson's Magazine*, Herr Ehlers gives an account of his ascent of the mountain's last summer. He confirms all that Dr. Maynard said about the wall of ice. Herr Ehlers estimates the height of the snow-clad peak at 19,600 feet.

An invention by which a man can travel about in the air has been patented by Mr. John P. Holmes, of Oak Park, Illinois, U.S.A. It consists of a horizontal frame in which the aeronaut lies stretched out at full length on his stomach. In front of him is a windmill-like propeller wheel, which he may easily rotate with his hands. Behind the aerial traveller the horizontal structure is continued so as to form a ladder which he can control with his feet, and vice versa. On the top of a banger bar, is expanded aero-plane, which is a light rod frame covered with a thin skin of rubberized fabric. The traveller can incline and otherwise direct the position of this aero-plane at pleasure. The aeronaut, it is stated, has successfully made several short aerial voyages in his own invention.

"That's not in Macho!" shouted one of the spectators on the night during one of Mr. Irving's performances. The ring would have opened the house had not the curtain come down. It reminded me of that utterance from the same celestial place on the first night of the really dramatic piece that Miss Bradson has written, which did upset the house and spoilt the piece. A scene was introduced in which a child was kidnapped from its mother, and at the end, when all were made happy, the restoration of the child was taken for granted. It was the last night of the season, and the audience remained after the fall of the curtain. Then a lad "joined" over the balcony, and solemnly intoned, "What about that kid?" The piece was swamped in an extinguishable burst of laughter.—*Paul Mälz Gazette*.

Should the much-talked-of Spanish Embroidery become an accomplished fact, which is highly probable sooner or later, an interesting future will probably be afforded by a large display of embroidery, serigraphy, or silkscreening, an art which has hitherto been confined to Spain. One of the best experts at this beautiful but difficult accomplishment is Senor Antonia Capo, a famous *grosiste*, or light comedian, whose dexterity with the scissors is so remarkable that portraits, landscapes, sea views, architectural subjects are reproduced with the deftness of the finest lace-work, every thread being drawn by hand out of a single whorl. All ships, whether sailing or steam, are copied in this way, and the work of Antonia Capo is a common thing in the Peninsula, and it could no doubt be a great attraction at South Kensington.

The Times' Paris correspondent says:—The Eiffel tower has now attained its full height—60 metres (198 ft.). When the proposal was made 10 years ago to erect the structure, artists and engineers signed a protest against the scheme, claiming that it would disgrace and disfigure Paris, and would destroy the effect of the great monuments of the Louvre, and the Tuilleries. It was admitted that the effect produced by the drawings was unattractive, but the form suggested the ugliest parts of a suspension bridge, and it was predicted that the durability would be increased with the increase of height. The result has not been what was predicted. Even some of those who protested most firmly against the proposal now admit that the effect of the structure is not what they anticipated. They acknowledge that it has a light and graceful appearance, in spite of its gigantic size, and that it is an imposing monument, not unworthy of Paris.

A remarkable story is told in a recent issue of the Paris Société de Géographie records. Mr. Guillou, a geologist, and a naturalist, went on a journey in North-West Africa, and acquired as a native, it appears, he landed on a west coast near Cape Garnet, several hundred miles south of Morocco, presenting to the eye of that region that had been shipwrecked. At first he was roughly dealt with; but finally he gained the confidence of his captors, and after five months' wanderings, by dint of hard labour, he was thrown into prison to be released, presented to the authorities of the British Minister. The adventure is of interest, as they give a new version to the popular story of the great desert. Ouled Delfin, into whose hands Mr. Guillou, he says, are unusually intelligent. They speak a pure Arabic founded upon the constant use of the Koran. They are monogamous, and their wives are the greatest affectionate creatures in the world. The girls are the education of the boys, and the men show an intellectual and moral elevation beyond that of any other Moslem women.

An interesting article in *Scribner's* for April, Mr. W. H. Walker says:—The reader will find in the engine room of an armchair when she was ploughing through an Atlantic cable at the rate of seventeen or more knots a hour! Even if he has done no, and been saved by the experience, it is not likely that he has been able to fully realize the immensity of the wire exerted. He needs some standard of comparison, and for that purpose we may offer him an ancient gryphon, and repeat a passage from the life of the British Ambassador at September:—"Compte a galler, a port usually propelled by us with the modern Atlantic lines, make her length, say some 600 feet, and assume a place to be found for as many as 400 men on this side, each one worked by three men, or 600 men; and allow that six men under these conditions could work equal to one horse-power; we should have 400 horse-power. Double that, and we should have 800 H.P., and a 4,800 ft. at least, and a 1,200 ft. in diameter in reserve, if the journey is to be measured continuously. Consider the pain resulting mixed with the 19,500 horse-power given forth in a large prime mover of the present day, such power requiring on the above mode of calculation, a 117,000 men at work and 117,000 ft. reserve; these to be carried in a vessel less than 600 ft. in length. Even if it was possible to carry a number of men in such a vessel, by no conceivable means could their power be utilized so as to impart to it a speed of twenty knots an hour."

*The St. Stephen's Review* states:—A curious story occurs about the late Mr. Ingram, who fell asleep while the minister was pronouncing the last words in the middle of the sermon in a bewildered state and putting his hand up to his head and finding it bare, and thinking he was at home in his bed, he bawled out, to the astonishment of the congregation, "Far's m' nicht cap?"

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